



Fourth Sunday of Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
 Red Bud, Illinois

April 20 & 21, 2024, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.



PRELUDE: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" arr. by J. Wayne Kerr

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 740 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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(Saturday) Holy Baptism, pages 268ff.

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185 (*please stand if you are able*)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

INTROIT: Psalm 23



The LORD is my | shep-herd;

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pas-tures. He leads me beside still | wa-ters.

He re- | stores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.

Even / though I walk through the valley of the shad- / ow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are | with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they | com-fort me.

You prepare a table / be-fore me

in the presence of my | en-e-mies;

You anoint my / head with oil;

my cup | ov-er-flows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall / fol-low me

all the days | of my life,

and I shall dwell / in the house

of the LORD for- | ev-er.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit

As it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

KYRIE: (*sung*)

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us, Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: pages 187-189

P: Glory be to God on high: **C:** and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.

**For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the
Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.** **P:** Let us pray. **C:**
**Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the
Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of
our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He
leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)***

(Sunday) **ANTHEM:** "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

Bell Choir

THE FIRST READING:

Acts 4:1-12

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by*

the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

He has put all things under His feet.

THE EPISTLE READING:

1st John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand if able)

ALLELUIA: page 190 (*sung*) **Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: (*sung*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

(Jesus said) “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep,



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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SERMON: “The Acts of Easter: Proclamation” Acts 4:8-12

OFFERTORY: pages 192-193

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it.

A-men.

(Sunday) The Rite of Confirmation, pages 272ff.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (please stand if you are able)

(Each petition ends “**Lord, in Your mercy**” and we respond, “**hear our prayer.**”)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Arlin Winkelman, Dorothy Byers, Don Kueker, Charlie Guebert, Roger Hanebutt, Ruth Hecht, Kathleen Salger, Rev. Russell Koen, Gary Schwartzkopf, Julie Ratz, Ray Kaaz, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Susan Luttmann, Marcy Watters, Paul Mollet, JoAnna Ellner, Ashlynn Crafton, Brodie Stenzel; *Family/Friends of St. John's Members:* Gerald & Bonnie Hitzmann, Tyson Moonier, Mary Gibson. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (Please call with names.) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David

Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow.

+safety for students and guests returning from the 8th grade trip

+mission partnership with the Lutheran seminary in Dominican Republic

+peace in the world and comfort for those who mourn and suffer violence

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 194ff.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry.**

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

**Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He
that com-eth in the name of the Lord.**

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology*)
 ...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI

P: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (sung) A-men.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (please be seated)

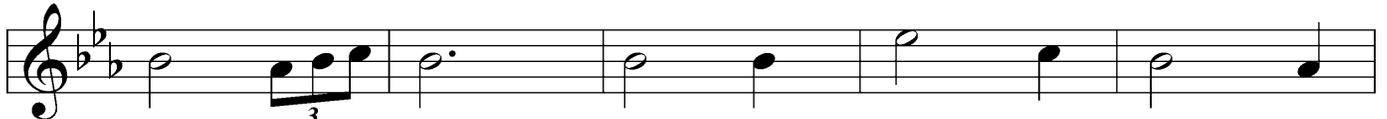
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

(*Sunday*) Anthem: "Celtic Grace" *Bell Choir*

709 "The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

847 "Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
 4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



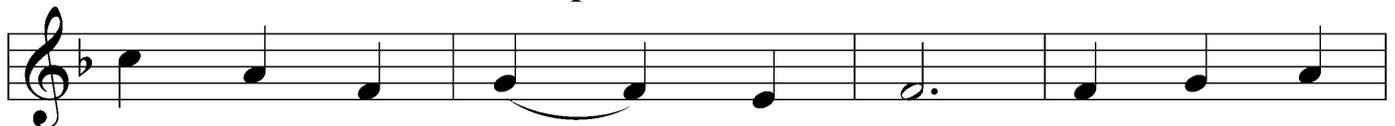
In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



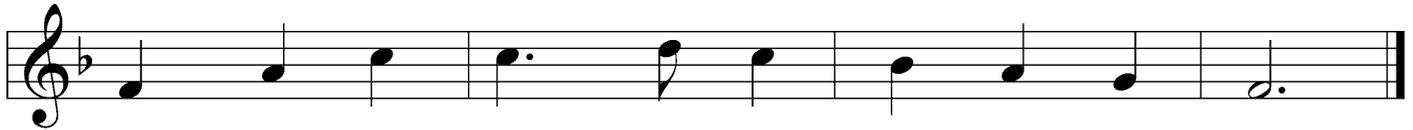
1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in
 2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -
 3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -
 4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high
 And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church
 belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king! *Public domain*

(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

NUNC DIMITTIS: “Song of Simeon” pages 199-200 (*please stand if you are able*)
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: (*sung*) and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: (*sung*) Amen.**

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spir-it.**

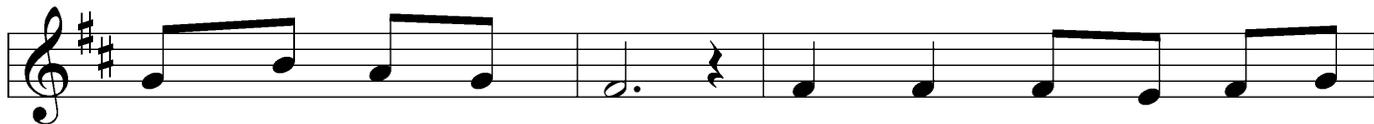
P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: (sung) A-men, a-men, a-men.

CLOSING HYMN: 711 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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THE POSTLUDE: “Shepherd of Tender Youth” *arranged by Kenneth T. Kosche*

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This Week With Our Lord, April 21-28, 2024

SUNDAY, April 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)
 1-3 p.m. Birthday party for the pastors in the Fellowship Hall
 4:00 p.m. Moms’ Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 22- Achievement Testing at school this week

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school’s music room
 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, April 23-

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Garden Place

Wednesday, April 24- Weather Bash at Busch Stadium

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes
 9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Voters Assembly Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 25-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Romans)
 9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
 9:00 a.m. LWML Zone Rally at St. Paul, Wine Hill
 4:00 p.m. School golf at North County Country Club
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, April 26-

10 a.m. and 7 p.m. School Musical in the school’s old gym

Saturday, April 27-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Sutton Jones

SUNDAY, April 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Blaine Rohlfing

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte- Katelynn Braun

5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Meal and 6:30 p.m. Arison Concert at school

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 257; Communion: 43; Bible classes: Adults- 28; SS & Youth: NR

And let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "More Than He Bargained For"

Speaker Rev. Dr Michael Zeigler says that whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides us more than we expect. Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m. FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join together in the grace of giving. 4/14- General: \$9,186; School: \$265; Automatic Giving: \$5,410; School: \$105. *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2nd Corinthians 9:7)*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Truynn Kay Thien into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. She is the daughter of Erick and Megan (Grohmann) Thien. Her baptismal sponsors are Nick and Emily Grohman, Claire Grohmann, Michael and Abbey Kleiboeker. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION:

In the early Sunday service we welcome Dustin Jacob Bowles, Carol Ann Gulley and Jonathan Brian Hudak into our family of faith through the Rite of Confirmation following their completion of our latest Adult Instruction class.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel leading this Sunday. Mr. Palm's class on the 12 disciples will meet this Sunday.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR MOMS:

Morgan Buch and Kourtney Meier have started a mom-focused Bible study to connect deeper in our faith as we deal with the ups and downs of motherhood. They are using "Joy: A Study of Philippians" as the first guided topic. This meets on Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Morgan or Kourtney so they can get you the link to purchase the book and provide you additional details about this Bible study group. Morgan - 618-317-8246; Kourtney - 618-792-9686

SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT:

Kindergarten and First Grade will begin our service project on April 22. We will help the Royal Table and Musketeer Market supply their students in need with snacks for the summer. We also will have snacks available for our own families. Families in need may ask in the school office. We are using Thrivent Matching Gift cards to purchase some of the snacks. We also are asking our students and their families to help with donations or cash. The following snacks are needed: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn and boxes of pancake mix. The collection site will be in the school lobby. Please leave any donations there by May 8. Thanks for your help!

SCHOOL MUSICAL: "Splash Kingdom" Friday, April 26, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The school's old gym is the setting for our annual school musical this Friday. All are invited to attend. Students are to wear their school theme t-shirts and beach type shorts that follow school dress code (no flip-flops or sandals).

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

St. John's Lutheran School's last day in session for the 2023-2024 school year will be May 14. We will have a chapel service in the new gymnasium, led by Pastor Nebel. Then we will have awards and the last day games by grade level. The graduation of our 13 8th grade students will be Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the school's old gym.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH:

This is open to anyone, any age!!! Junior and Senior Youth Group (and family and friends) will hold an Event/Fundraiser on Tuesday May 28th (postponed from last Monday) at Skate City in Belleville from 6-8 p.m. The skating rink will be closed to the general public, this time slot will be for anyone that you invite to come along! The cost is \$7 admission and \$4 skate rental if needed. Then, the Senior youth will earn back \$3- \$4 per skater at the door that they can use as fundraising toward the National Youth Gathering! They do have a concession stand that will be open.

OPENING FOR A HEAD COOK FOR SCHOOL & DAYCARE

After fourteen years of wonderful service from Jill Gross as our head cook, she will move on to new endeavors. We thank her for her dedication over the years. She graciously offers to train her replacement. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at office@stjohnsredbud.org or 618-282-3873. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain the "Food Manager's Certificate" from the State of Illinois.

AGING PASTORS' BIRTHDAY PARTY:

Help us celebrate 110 combined years. We will gather on Sunday, April 21, from 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 60th birthday of Pastor Nebel (April 13) and the 50th birthday of Pastor Nowak (April 29). Cake and drinks will be served!

SONSHINE VISITATION MEETING:

Sonshine Visitation members will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

ARISON CONCERT:

Dear members of St. John's Lutheran Church and School, you are cordially invited to a Christian Lutheran Concert that will be held in the new gymnasium on April 28 at 6:30 pm. We are blessed to have Jennie Williamson back with us. She is a performer for all ages and shares the greatest message; Christ Crucified. Our students are familiar with her songs, and our teachers love her music as well! We hope to see you there! A free-will spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and desserts supper will be held starting at 5:00 p.m. in the old gym.

SUMMER BABYSITTING AND TUTORING OFFERED:

Christine Liefer, Mrs. Rebekah Liefer's daughter, is tutoring the lower grades in Reading, Phonics and other skills over the summer. She also will babysit all ages. Please call Christine at 618-612-5996 or contact Mrs. Liefer at 618-570-4957 if you are interested in either of these services.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/21- Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Liam Langrehr, Amelia Langrehr; 4/22- Pearl Luttmann, Matthew Becker; 4/23- Sydney Schweizer, Lindsey Fruth, Allyson Fruth, Kellen Herriman; 4/23- Jill Hanebutt, Randy Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alex Sievers, Ashton Liefer, Braylon Brooks; 4/25- Ann Becker; 4/26- Connie Muench, Karen Liefer, Bailey Booker, Claire Grohmann, Ella Herriman; 4/27- Peggy Sitzes, Tiffany Wiegard, Aiden Kiefer. *Please call our office with corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Arlin Winkelmann, Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Freeburg Care Center: Wil Guebert.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Mary Gross, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Dorothy Papenberg, Paul Schrieber, Helen Winkelmann, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Pat Byer, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

HANDBELL CONCERT:

A Handbell Concert featuring the handbell choirs of Christ Our Savior, Freeburg; St. Paul, Columbia; and Immanuel, Waterloo, is this Sunday, April 21, at 5 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church (522 S. Church St.) in Waterloo. This concert will be a wonderful blessing of musical offerings. During this special concert, a freewill offering will be taken to support the music department of our mission school, Unity Lutheran Elementary School in East St.

Louis. A light reception will follow the concert as well. Any questions? Please contact Immanuel's church office (618-939-6480).

LADIES MINI-RETREAT:

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church (522 S. Church St.) in Waterloo invite you to their 13th annual "Refresh & Renew" Mini-Retreat on Saturday, April 27, from 9-11 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The morning will begin with a delicious breakfast. We'll hear a message from Sandi Geis based on Matthew 7:24-27 and join in some inspirational singing. Sandi is the coordinator of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, a freelance writer for various publishers, a pastor's wife, mother & grandmother. There is no cost for this retreat. We will take an in-gathering of non-perishable food items for the Bi-County Backpack Program and paper products & art supplies for Camp Wartburg. Pre-registering is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome. 618-939-6480 or immanuelwaterloo@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON:

Our family of faith is blessed by the service of many volunteers. In appreciation of them, St. John's staff is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 21 at noon. The luncheon will be served in the school cafeteria.

COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST:

Thursday, May 2nd: Red Bud Regional Hospital will host a Community Prayer Breakfast to commemorate the National Day of Prayer. The buffet will begin at 7 a.m., followed by a program from 7:30 am – 8:30 am. Dr. Marc Kiehna, Randolph County Commissioner and Chairperson of the Randolph Society Foundation, will be the featured speaker. He will share a message about Randolph County's rich history of faith. There is a freewill donation. All proceeds will be donated directly to Comwell. Seating is limited so please RSVP to rbprayerbreakfast@gmail.com or by text to 618-973-5627.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

Our gracious Savior brings clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every last little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1st John 3:17), may we "come that they may have life and have it abundantly!"

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, study Isaiah 63-66 and Lutheran Service Book 487 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), study Proverbs 8-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.) and hear about Love Fulfilling the Law in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (4/27 at 10 a.m.). Programs are on demand at kfuo.org!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618/853-7300

Track: This week our track team is very busy. Monday the Freshmen and Sophomores will compete in the Pinckneyville meet. Tuesday, all track members will be in the Columbia meet. Friday, the girls will compete at Nashville.

Positions Available: COS is seeking a math teacher for 2024-2025 and a Golf Coach for fall 2024. To learn more, call the office and talk with Mrs. Prange.

Registration for 2024-2025 is open! If you have a student or know someone who is high school age, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Call 853-7300 to schedule a private tour. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Tuition for all students will be on a sliding scale. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, www.coslhs.org.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.

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Secretaries – Mrs. Sara Shepherd and Miss Cynthia Wilson

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Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Lisa Quinn, Amy Williams, Nicole Kadlec, Christy Deterding, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Brittney Eichholz, Madison Shields, Brooke Supancic, Pam Henry, Melissa Schilling,

Kaleigh Reith, Kaitlin Schmitz, Haley Ehler, Hailey Guebert, Courtney Schaefer, Brittany Smith, Callen Reitz, Kailyn Moeller, Madison Falkenhain, Leah Johnston, Lori Johnston, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Wuertz, Madison Trask, Sarah Beth Nieweglowski, Mycah Clements, Jill Wetzel

Church Council

Chairman: Kevin Liefer Vice-Chairman: Michael DeRousse
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Trustee Chair: Leonard Salger Estate Fund Chair: Brian Guebert
Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Colton Albert; (8 a.m.) Max Voss; (10:30 a.m.) Jackson Pensoneau
Greeters: (5 p.m.) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (8 a.m.) Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele;
(10:30 a.m.)
Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr
Flower Servers: Chris Deien and Linda Guebert Paraments: Virginia Moeller